Harper's Book News.

This was the Elder Hyde's View, Van Cise 817-President of the Equitable Warns Agents Not to Believe Rumor That He Is About to Resign.

A letter written by President James W. Alexander of the Equitable Life Assurance Society to the Pittsburg general manager of the society, in which he comes out with the flatfooted declaration that every penny of the Fquitable's \$80,000,000 surplus belongs to the policyholders, was made public last

Mr. Alexander's letter includes one from J. G. Van Cise, the Equitable's actuary in which Mr. Van Cise not only agrees with President Alexander's views but also states that Henry B. Hyde, the father of James Hazen Hyde, regarded the surplus as belonging exclusively to the policyholders.

President Alexander's letter is a reply to the demand made by the general agents at their conference in this city recently for definite statement on this subject. It is intended also as an official answer to the contention that has been made in the Lord injunction suit that the mutualiratio of the company would deprive the stock of certain of its property right, and as a refutation of the assertions made by Mr. Hyde that Mr. Alexander, by furthering the cause of mutualization, has acted disloyally in that he ha depreciated the value of the state of which he was trustee. This letter being the first official declaration on the subject, it is expected that it will figure prominently in the suits for a division of the society's surplus.

"NEW YORK, May 6, 1905. Eduard A. Wood , Esq., Mana er of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, Pitts-

"MY DEAR MR. WOODS: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your pamphlet containing extracts from official statements by the society as to the mutual plan of its business and the exclusive ownership by the policyholders of its surplus. I also note your request that, as president of the society, I confirm substantially the statements it contains. I recognize that, for the benefit of present and future policyholders of the society, there should be at this time some clear and unequivocal expression on this subject, and, without reviewing all the society's statements on this subject, I consider that there can be no doubt as to three facts:

"First, that the business of the society has been conducted in accordance with its charter, since the date of its organization, on the mutual plan; second, that the profits of the society have been accumulated for its po io holders; and, third, that the surplus of the society is held for the exclusive benefit of its policyholders.

"I do not recall any serious question having ever arisen on these points until recently, when a claim has been put forward on behalf of the stock which is at variance with the terms of the society's charter, the uniform course of its business and all its official and unofficial statements and representations.

"It is is not merely my own understand-It is not merely my own understanding and opinion, but is confirmed by Mr. Van Cise, who, as you know, has been in the service of the society for nearly forty years, most of the time as its actuary. No one connected with the Equitable needs to be told of the great authority and distinction which Mr. Van Cise has won as a life insurance actuary. His official position in the society is one of complete independence, and on every subject pertaining to the society's business which is of a

pendence, and on every subject pertaining to the society's business which is of a scientific or mathematical character he is regarded as an unreviewable authority.

"I quote a letter written by Mr. Van Uise to Mr. F. A. McNamee, the society's manager at Albany, N. Y., in response to formal inquiries from the latter on the subject of the surplus. I understand these inquiries were made pursuant to resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of an organization of the society's managers and agents. Mr. the society's managers and agents. Mr. Van Cise's letter is as follows:

\*F. X. McNamee, Permanent Secretary, Atbany, Ass York:

"Dean Sig: Your communication of the 1st inst., with copy of preamble and resolutions enclosed, was duly received and contents carefully noted.

"As an officer of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, I fully agree with you as to the truth of the following statements in regard to the Equitable:

"1. That the business has always been, and nust always be, conducted on the mutual plan.

That the entire surplus belongs to policy-

holders exclusively.

3. That each participating policy will receive its due share of surplus profits in accordance with the terms of each contract, respectively.

4. That the agents in soliciting business on this basis have acted with due authority.

That the policyholders have no ground

"In this onnection I would say that while I have been connected with the Equitable, as clerk and officer, for nearly thirty-eight years, I have never, until recently, heard of any questions being raised as to the absolute ownership of the surplus of the society by its policyhoiders.

"For about thirty years I had the privilege of being associated as one of the subordinate officers with Henry B. Hyde, the founder and late president of the society, and my recolication is that in his declarations, both verbal and in writing, he always stated that the business of the Equitable was transacted on the nutual plan and that the stockhoiders could not receive more than the dividend of \$7,000 per annum on their capital stock, which was provided for by the charter.

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J. G. VAN Cise, Actuary. These statements are literally truet. They should set at rest all doubts, and quiet

These statements are literally truet. They should set at rest all doubts, and quiet an agitation which should never have arisen and is naturally disturbing to the society's policyholders and agents.

"No greater emphasis could be given to the fact that the Equitable Life Assurance Company, in which the interests and rights of the policyholders are recognized as paramount, than the success of the recent effort to confer upon the policyholders the right of electing a majority of the society's directors. The amended charter designed to carry into effect this reform, was adopted by a unanimous vote of the board of directors, and, although its operation is temporarily arrested through litigation, I am convinced that the action of the board will be upheld by the courts. Thus the policyholders will exercise a controlling influence in the management of the society. This is as it should be. While my rersonal view from the beginning has been that it would have been wiser and more beneficial in every sense to the society to have the entire board of directors elected by the policyholders, it is a source of gratification to have secured so substantial by the policyholders, it is a source of gratification to have secured so substantial recognition of the principl of mutual-zation as is involved in the election by the olicyholders of a majority of the board. "It will follow that the personal proprietary regime within the society must suc-cumb to the checks and restraints neces-sarily involved in the passage of control to the policyholders, and many of the abuses and irregularities which are now in course of elimination cannot thereafter occur. It should be a source of confidence to every morrow: frush south winds.

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one interested in the society that the cor-rection of all conditions hurtful in tendency or effect is being accomplished within the society itself. It was upon a settled con-viction that the interest of the society and of viction that the interest of the society and of its policyholders required that the latter should be vested with a controlling participation in the administration of the vast funds which they have built up by their own contributions, that I resolved to initiate this movement. The prompt response and sturdy support that I have received from the rank and file of the society's officers has proved to be an assistance of the greatest value in establishing the principle of mutualization, and I cannot too the greatest value in establishing the principle of mutualization, and I cannot too highly commend this element of support, proceeding solely from a conviction of duty and quite without regard to personal

duty and quite without regard to personal interest.

"Notwithstanding the present publicity and wide discussion of the society's affairs, I regard the situation as full of encuragement for all who are truly interested in the society and its prosperity. The financial strength and stability of the society are not questioned. There is no abatement of effort on the part of its efficient staff and loyal agency force to perform their full duty to the society in maintaining and extending its growth and prestage. and extending its growth at d prestige.

The work we have inaugurated will be carried to a successful completion. In this determination there is but one thought, either on the part of the independent members of the board of directors, the society's officers or of the agents. I shall devote myself and all my strength to its accomplishment.

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"Do not be received by rumored suggestions of my resignation as president of the society. They proceed from interested sources and are intended to discredit and defeat the principal of mutualization. Although no one appreciates better than I the sensitive character of a life insurance company's credit and the great importance of its hold upon public confidence. I firmly believe that the fact that the society proposes to take care of itself and to work out its own reforms will afford the best possible guaranty of its inherent strength and the security of its future. The present trials will soon be passed, and the society will enter upon an era of greater success than it has ever known. Sincerely yours, "James W. Alexander, President."

The Alexander supporters continued years.

"JAMES W. ALEXANDER, President."

The Alexander supporters continuel yesterday to assert that Jacob H. Schiff was the prime mover in calling the informal conference of directors for 3 o clock this afternoon. Mr. Schiff would not deny yesterday that he had sent out the call for the conference. He would not say anything as to the purpose of the meeting.

That Mr. Hyde's lawyers have been holding conferences with Mr. Schiff for the last two days became known yesterday, however, and whatever surprise Mr. Schiff and those associated with him in calling the meeting may have up their sleeve for this

meeting may have up their sleeve for this afternoon, it is pretty certain that its object will be a defense of Mr. Hyde and his

supporters.

The Alexander supporters were confident yesterday, though, that no attempt would be made at the conference to take any action looking toward the resignation of the president.

When Mr. Alexander's letter was shown

to Samuel Untermyer, Mr. Hyde's counsel, at his home in Yonkers, Mr. Untermyer

Nor are the policyholders to be misled by such a transparent bid for support. The 'true inwardness' of this sham move-ment for mutualization is better under-

stood than the gentleman seems to ap-

FUNERAL OF THE TERHUNES.

No Reference in the Sermon to the Tragedy of Their Deaths.

HACKENSACK, N. J., May 7.-The double funeral of John Terhune, county superintendent of schools, and his wife took place this afternoon at the First Reformed Church. The Bergen County Teachers' Association, the Elks, the Odd Fellowsand Board of Education were largely represented, while citizens from all parts of the county were present. Hundreds could not get into the large church. The services were conducted by the Rev. Herman Vanderwart, the pastor of the church, and the Rev. C. Rudolph Kuebler of the First Presbyterian Church. The music

by a quartet. astor Vanderwart made no reference to the tragedy of the husband killing his wife and himself. He quoted from the words of Col. Ingersoll at the grave of his brother and made reflections on them. The display of flowers was very elaborate. The interment was in Valleau Cemetery, Paramus, the bodies being placed side by side in the same grave. side in the same grave.

Keeper of a Once Famous Yale Resort

Killed by a Trolley. NEW HAVEN, May 7 .- Edward G. Oakley, who a few years ago kept the famous Yale resort known as "Morys," was killed by a trolley car at 2 o'clock this morning.

Very warm weather spread yesterday over the Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic and Southern New England States. The maximum ranged between 80 and 90 degrees. The cause was the passing of the Southwestern low pressure area into Canada and the settling of the high pressure center on the South Atlantic coast. It was cooler in the Central States and upper Lake regions, and it will

ln this city the day was much warmer and fair. with a threatened thunderstorm in the afternoon; wind fresh and brisk southerly; average humidity,

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the 

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW. For eastern New York, fair to-day and colder on the coust; showers to morrow; fresh nest winds.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland, fair and somewhat colder to day; increasing cloudiness to-morrow; Iresh west winds.

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For New England, fair and somewhat colder
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Yo morrow: light west winds:
For western Pennsylvania and western New York. and warmer to-day; showers and cooler to-

THE SAME MUNICIPAL TICKET

M'CLELLAN, GROUT AND FORNES ON DEMOCRATIC SLATE.

Odell and Hearst Candidates Have Not Shown Their Heads-Gessip as to Candidates for the Bene's-Tammany Expects to Gain at Le st Six Assemblymen.

What will Mayor McClellan do with the bill passed at Albany making the term of the Mayor of New York city four years ir stead of two? Republicans and Democrats asked yesterday. Under the original Charter the term of the Mayor was four years, but after the administration of Mayor Van Wyck it was amended by the Republican Legislature to two years, and now it is proposed to amend it back to four

Mayor McClellan said yesterday that he hadn't given the bill the slightest corsideration as yet. Chairman Odell ci the Republican State committee, who is in complete control of the New York Repub ic in county committee, has declared many times within the past few months that he will defeat Mr. McClellan should the Mayor be recominated next fall. Mr. Odell's friends say that he has a working arrangement with William R. Hearst, who has just sailed for Europe, the latter to put up "s. labor candidate for Mayor," but it will not be until after Mr. Odell returns from Europe to this country, about June 11, that his friends will begin to talk about his candidate for Mayor, and by that time both Mayor McClellan and Gov. Higgins will have acted on the bill to make the Mayor's term four

From the talk heard in the inner circles of the Democratic organizations of the five boroughs the Democratic city ticket is again to be McClellan, Grout and Fornes, notwithstanding anything t at Comptroller Grout may say concerning his individual predilections and despite the efforts of some of Mr. Grout's friends in Brooklyn to atof Mr. Grout's friends in Brooklyn to at-tempt to secure for him the nomination for Supreme Court Justice in the Second Judicial district against Joseph A. Burr, whom Gov. Odell appointed to fill the va-caucy caused by the election of Edgar M. Cullen to be Chief Judge of the Court of

Appeals.
While it has been very generally conceded that of the three Supreme Court Justices to be nominated in the First Judicial dis:r ct to succeed Charles H. Van Brunt, who retires under the age limit, George L. Ingraham and Henry A. Gildersleeve, Judge Gilder-sieeve will be renominated, all is uncertainty concerning Judge Ingraham and also as to the candidate to be named in Judge Van Brunt's place

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It was the opinion yesterday that eventually any wrinkles in the way of Judge Ingraham's renomination will be smoothed away, but at the present time, and these matters are usually discussed far in advance, his renomination is by no means assured. Corporation Counsel John J. Delany has been mentioned for the nomination to succeed Judge Van Brunt, but the friends of Warley Platzek are working overtime in their efforts to bring him in the winner. the winner.
The Democrats said yesterday concern

The Democrats said yesterday concerning Assemblymen from this county that they would certainly gain six districts and that as a matter of fact they expected to send a solid delegation from the county. The districts which the Democrats said they would surely capture are the Eighth. Tenth. Sixteenth, Nineteenth, Twenty-first and Twenty-ninth, represented by Republicans as follows: Freidel, elected in the Eighth last fall, a Presidential year, by 161 plurality; Etzel in the Tenth by 187 plurality: Hartman in the Sixteenth, by 217 plurality; Stanley in the Nineteenth by 591 plurality Young in the Twenty-first, by 246 plurality and the late Frederic E. Perham, who was elected in the Twenty-ninth by 450 plurality.

HALPIN DOOMS PRENTICE. Pretext Is That Prentice Voted for the Stock Transfer Tax.

William Halpin, president of the New York Republican county committee, by decree of Chairman Odell of the Republican State committee, has begun efforts to defeat Ezra P. Prentice's renomination "This letter, like its numerous predecessors, has been mailed in the newspapers instead of at the post office. Coming at this acute stage of the controversy and in the delicate circumstances in which the gentleman finds himself placed its purpose is the man finds himself placed its purpose is the signed. All told, there are, it was too obvious for comment. too obvious for comment.

"Nobody is likely to be deceived by this palpable attempt to anticipate the serious charges on which the removal of Mr. Alexander is about to be asked for betraying the fifth Avenue Hotel, the Hoffman House, the Waldorf-Astoria, the Victoria estimated, 250 stock brokers in the Twenty-House, the Waldorf-Astoria, the Victoria and, in fact, all of the hotels in the Tenderloin. It is computed that these 250 brokers each have at least a following of five, and Mr. Prentice was elected by 1,176 plurality. matters not it was stated, that both Mr. Odell and Mr. Halpin urged Mr. Pren-tice to vote for the bill or that Representa-tive Herbert E. Parsons, Republican leader of the Twenty-fifth, is the son-in-law of Henry Clews. "Politicians use the weapons most handy," one of the election district captains of the Twenty-fifth district said, "and we know that Prentice is doomed to defeat. So we've got to get another man.

ROBBED JAP STUDENT'S ROOM Clothes and Keepsakes Carried Off While

He Was Effsy at Columbia. P. Lin, a Japanese student who is taking a course in pedagogy at Columbia University, bemoans the loss of \$40 and all his personal belongings, which were stolen from his room on the top floor of a flathous at 262 West 126th street on last Tuesday

Lin came here last October. While he was attending class on Tuesday the thieves did their work. They got four suits of clothes, a new overcoat, all his linen, some keepsakes he brought from Japan and China, including a gold watch and chain and a silver watch that was given to him in

Cou t Calendars This Day.

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Appellate Division—Supreme Court.—Adjourned until Tuesday, May 9, 1903, at 1 P. M.

Supreme Court—Special Term.—Part I.—Motion calendar called at 1903 A. M. Part II.—Exparte matters. Part III.—Case unfinished. Motions. Demurrers—Nos. 7:70, 783, 736, 736, 777, 789, 800. Preferred causes—Nos. 2453, 2878, 2854, 2884, General calendar. Nos. 2216, 2233, 2251, 2216, 2316, 1238, 674, 2119, 1608, 1201, 2115, 1015, 2035, 1255, 2331, 2116, 2306, 2809, 2236, 2332, 2238, 1240, 2232, 2217, 2234, 2200, 2270, 2283, 2012, 2142, Part IV.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III. Part V.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III. No clovasted rallroad cases. Trial Term. Part II.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III. No clovasted rallroad cases. Trial Term. Part II.—Case. Not 1242, 478, 4772. Part III.—Clear. No. 984, 995, 995, 995, 995, 995, 1009, 1009, 1009, 1007, 469, 761, 763, 932, 698, 939, 1001, 1003, 1006, 1008, 1012, 1018, 1014, 1015, 1121, 1022, 1024-5, 732, Part IV.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part III. Part V.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part VII. Part V.—Case unfinished. Cases from Part VII. Part X.—Case unfinished. Case from Part VII. Part X.—Case unfinished. Case from Part VII. Part X.—Case unfinished. Case from Part VII. Part X.—C Term.—Nos. 2032, 2088, 2080, 2105, 2105, 2107, 2114, 2112.

City Court.—Special Term.—Court opens at 10 A. M. Motions. Triaf Term.—Part 1.—Clear. Nos. 10745, 4434, 2068, 4408, 4407, 4293, 4423, 3590, 4339, 4324, 6484, 5484, 6481, 4482, 4483, 4484, Part I.—Clear. Nos. 4482, 4481, 2482, 4481, 4482, 4483, 4484, Part II.—Clear. Nos. 4482, 4481, 2482, 1016, 7887, 7884, 111.—No day calendar. Part IV.—Case unfinished. Sport causes—Nos. 8498, 13041, 13028, 12081, 12086, 14813, 10017, 12067, 12013, 13006, 15026, 16875, 10786, 16813, 10017, 12075, 12048, 10098, 1007

FRANCHISES AT AUCTION. Along With Real Estate, at the City's Big

Tax Sale There will no doubt be a rush of delinquent taxpayers at the Bureau of Assesssents and Arrears of the Comptroller's office beginning to-day on account of the city tax sale, which is advertised to-day to take place on June 14 in the Aldermen's chamber. There is such a lot of unpaid taxes and water rents that the sale will take time. Not only will there be a lot of real estate knocked down, but there will also be practically all of the franchises of the city, unless the companies holding them pay up before the sale begins. The man

who may discover by getting a catalogue of the sale that he is down on the city's books for \$100 or so, for water rent, is only a piker beside the street railroad companies and other franchise holders. They are down for something like \$50 000 000. They haven't paid since the law taxing franchises was passed. Mr. Grout has announced that they must figure just like the man who owes \$100 water tax and that the appeal pending in the United States Supreme Court doesn't prevent the tax sale, that is unless somebody gets an injunction. Something like 4,515 parcels of Manhattan

real estate will be offered for sale in order that the city can collect something like \$2,325,000 for unpaid taxes from 1886 to 1901. Under the Charter property holders must pay up the debt with interest at 7 per cent before the date of sale, if they want to save their property from being sold. After property has been sold for unpaid taxes the owner can redeem it from the purchaser within two years by paying such purchaser

the owner can redeem it from the purchaser within two years by paying such purchaser the amount he expended with interest on this at the rate of 14 per cent. a year. If the owner doesn't redeem within two years the purchaser gets a lease of the property from the city and the delinquent owner can get the property back after that only by paying the purchase money, together with 42 per cent. thereon and \$3 more, the fee for the lease.

E. A. Slattery, Collector of Assessments and Arrears, has got tired dunning these delinquent debtors. He says, however, that he will be in his office every business day from now to June 14 if any one wants to pay up. In the meantime Mr. Slattery and his assistants are busy preparing descriptions of the property and booming the city's coming real estate sale. By coming around on June 14 somebody may get a franchise, or maybe a telegraph pole. The proposed sale applies, not only to lands and tenements, but to property owned by various corporations, 'such as telegraph lines, wires, poles and appurtenances, supports and enclosures for electrical conductors, surface, underground or elevated railroads, railroad structures, substructures, superstructures, tracks, mains, pipes, tanks in upon above or under any public or private street or place for conducting steam, beat, water, oil, electricity, or any property, substance or product capable of transportation or conveyance therein or protected thereby." The sale will begin at 10 o'clock.

GOVERNMENT JOB FOR SHAFFER.

Amalgamated's President to Be Slated for Consulship or Department Place.

PITTSBURG, May 7 .- That Theodore Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers of America, is slated for a consulship of some sort, or failing to get one of these to suit him, a job in the Department of Labor at Washington, is the assertion made by his close friends when asked why Shaffer and his followers now in the convention at Detroit are holding back the election of officers.

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They say Smaller does not want the place of president, but will take it if he does not land one of the jobs which they are led to believe he can get. It will be remembered that Shaffer was talked of for the place of Commissioner of Labor, and he went so far as to announce at that time that he would not be a candidate for reelection to the presidency of the Amalgamated. When another got the appointment, Shaffer's friends here were very angry.

GEORGE W. LYON DEAD.

Formerly Surveyor of the Port; Lately a Judge in the Philippines.

George W. Lyon, Surveyor of the Port of New York under President Harrison and more recently Judge of a minor court in the Philippines, died yesterday at the home of his son Cecil, at Saybrook, Conn. He had been ill for a long time. He was born in this city on Sept. 24, 1842, and was employed for a time after leaving school in a mercantile house but he gave this up to enter the law office of Judge John W. Edmonds. When the civil war began he went to the

front, and after the war he resumed the study of law, being admitted to the bar in He served as an Assistant District Attorney under Benjamin K. Phelps and from that time began to be prominent in i epub ican politics in this city. He was an Assemblyman in 1883, and four years later was defeated for the State Senate. He was one of the political judges appointed by the New York Republican county committee who expelled Mike Cregan from the

His first wife was a Miss Cecil of this city His first wife was a Miss Cecil of this city and she divorced him. He was married in 1895 to Miss Constance Liftian Voorhis, the third daughter of Commodore Jacob Voorhis, owner of the yacht Madeline, which defended the America's Cup in 1876. This second marriage was not a happy one and in 1898 the couple separated. A few months afterward Mrs. Lyon caused her husband's arrest on a charge of abandonment. In the same year he went into bankruptcy and two years later he got the bankruptcy and two years later he got the appointment to the Philippines. A woman who was in Bellevue Hospital in 1902 sufferwho was in Butter of the said that she was his second wife and that she had been in the chorus of a musical play.

Lyon returned from the Philippines over a year ago broken in health. He went to

a year ago broken in health. He went to live with his son in Connecticut, and it wasn't until a few months ago that his old associates in this city learned that he was back in this country and very ill. His body will be brought to this city and buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Oblinary Notes. Frank Gambrill Baldwin died at the Hotel Buckingham yesterday after an illness of two weeks He was born in Baltimore thirty-five years ago, was the son of William H. Baldwin, a well known Baltimorean, and was a member of the firm of Woodward, Baldwin & Co. of this city, agents for Southern cotton mills, and president of the Savage Manufacturing Company of Savage, Maryland. He was married last December Mr. Baldwin was a member of several Baltimore clubs as well as of the Union Club of this city. His body will be taken to Baltimore. Carroll Baldwin is his brother

Charles de Gedalia, son of Baron de Gedalia, who was a banker of Copenhagen, died on Saturday of rheumatism of the heart, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Rosalie Dufrenois, 103 West 114th street. He was born in Copenhagen in 1847, and came to this country in 1875. He had a natural glit for mathematics, and was an accomplished chess player. He was a member of the Manhattan Chess Club. He had been employed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Gernsheimer Bros. and Sternberger, Sinn & Co. Buckingham yesterday after an illness of two

Co.

Dr. Seymour C. Trontman died at his residence here, 178 West Main street, Somerville, N. J., on Saturday night, at the age of \$8. He was the son of Sir John J. Trontman, who served as a midshipman in the British Navy under Admiral Rodney. He ewned the Ten Eyok Hotel and other large property interests in Somerville.

Ferdinand W. Boebling, Jr., to Marry. TRENTON, N. J., May 7.-The engagement was announced to-day of Miss Ruth Metcalf of Erie, Pa., and Ferdinand W. Roebling, Jr., of this city. Mr. Roebling is the youngest son of the freesurer of the John A. Roebling's Sons Company. He is a graduate of Lehigh and is one of the Board of Water CommisNOLISH HALL CLOCKS 400 FIFTH AVENUE (Bet. 86th and 87th)

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WHO LURKED BY BRONX GATE TO SPRING AT A GIRL'S THROAT.

He Backed Off With Gun in One Hand and Razor in the Other, Ringed by a Dozen Men-Finally Felled With a Stene and the Fight Kicked Out of Him,

Loretta Ryan, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Timothy Ryan, a foreman in the Department of Public Works, attended vespers at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy last night and got to her home at 2519 Washington avenue, The Bronx, shortly before 10 o'clock. At the gate an Italian who was hiding near it jumped up and grabbed her

by the throat.

The girl screamed and her cries brought her two brothers out of the house on the run. They made for the Italian and he whipped out a revolver and pointed it at them. That stopped their rush temporarily, but their sister kept on screaming and neigh-

bors came out.

The Italian backed away still covering the two brothers with the revolver. In a minute the brothers were joined by Policeman John Russell of the traffic squad who lives next door. He yelled to the Italian that he was a policeman and ordered him to drop the gun. The Italian paid no heed. He held the gun in his right hand covering all three men and deliberately pulled out a razor with his left hand and opened it.

He backed out into the roadway and in a short time there were a dozen men surrounding him. Several times an attempt was made to rush the Italian from the rear, but he was quick on his feet and each time faced the new danger with his open razor and shiny revolver.

Finally the men backed him under a big tree. Several had armed themselves with stones, and once they got him backed up against the tree they let him have it. The first stone thrown hit him on the head and

There was a rush for him as he fell, but he kept waving his razor and making circles with his revolver. Every time there was a chance somebody kicked him. More stones were thrown at him and the ravolver and razor were finally kicked out of his hands. By this time he was almost unconscious.

An ambulance came from Fordham Hespital. Dr. McGowan examined the beaten man, and took him to the hospital

a prisoner. There the man revived after a while and said he was Francesco Fideli of 2416 Hughes avenue. The Bronx. He wouldn't tell why he had attacked the girl. Loretta Ryan swooned after she was carried into the house.

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the farmers.

Ex-Commissioner Lederle has been retained as consulting sanitarian and analyst for the organization. The society's investigation will cover every place from which milk comes into this city.

The work will include the periodic examination of milk and milk products from

amination of milk and milk products from the farms supplying each station. The farmers are to be notified when their milk falls below standard, and advised as to what methods to pursue to improve it.

Dr. Lederle said yesterday that the association proposed to start upon this work at once. T. O. Smith is the chairman of the new association.

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